

Amendments to the Specification

Please amend the specification by replacing Paragraph 4 with the following paragraph:

[Para 4] Embodiments of the present invention include a fuel injector and associated cup that include at least one slot and corresponding key to allow axial movement of the injector relative to the injector cup ~~cup relative to the injector~~ after installation of the injector into the cylinder head or intake manifold to improve ~~reduce~~-tolerancing and stack-up requirements. In one embodiment, the fuel injector includes two axial slots disposed generally across from one another and located above an upper seal of the injector, with the cup having corresponding indentations or keys that engage the slots to limit rotational movement while allowing axial movement of the injector relative to the cup. To facilitate assembly, the axial slot may extend to the top of the injector, which may also include a frustoconical portion. Another embodiment includes a lead-in slot or groove at the top of the injector which connects to a helical or spiral groove, terminating with the axial locking groove to provide a twist and lock assembly motion with the locking groove allowing axial movement between the injector and cup, but limiting rotational movement.